GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Fricker, Chairman Purdue University

Sallie Fahey, Secretary APC

Dave Whitworth INDOT – Crawfordsville Steve Isenhower INDOT – Crawfordsville Opal Kuhl Lafayette City Engineer

Mark Albers Tippecanoe County Highway Department

Lt. Jeannette Bennett Lafayette Police Department

Deputy Chief Chris Leroux West Lafayette Police Department

Betty Stansbury Purdue Airport

John Connell GLPTC

Scott Snyder West Lafayette City Engineer

Non-Voting Members

Tom Van Horn Lafayette Community Development

ALSO PRESENT:

Doug Poad APC Staff
Brian Weber APC Staff

Dan Aukley City of Lafavette

Sue Scott WLFI

Jim Knapp Purdue Physical Facilities Steve Hardesty Hawkins Environmental

Dan Gooding WLFI

Dave Buck West Lafayette Engineer(beginning 5/10/04)

Jon Fricker, called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Opal Kuhl moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2004 meeting. Jon Connell seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Access Permits

No new Access Permits.

Scott Snyder commented that the Tower of Ivory permit from INDOT has been approved and he has received a copy of the permit.

Prioritize FY'05 TIP Projects

Doug Poad stated that annually a Transportation Improvement Plan is developed for the next 5 years. He commented that this is a great tool for budgeting and planning local transportation projects. He stated that since there is a limited resource of federal funding for projects, the project requests must be prioritized. He pointed out from the staff report that INDOT has provided an estimated dollar amount of \$2,449,298 each year. He commented that INDOT also allows the flexibility too spend three years of funds in any amount and at any time within the three-year period. He stated they can budget \$8,837,192 within a first, second or third year. He stated after the new transportation act is signed into law, INDOT will be able to provide actual dollar amounts instead of estimates. He stated that the only project slated for 2004 was Kalberer Road for \$960,000, money left from the FY 2004 TIP.

Doug Poad stated there were several local projects proposed for federal funds. He stated the projects for West Lafayette include Tapawingo Extension, Stadium Avenue, Williams Street, Yeager Road, Soldiers Home Road, and Salisbury Street. He stated the projects for Lafayette include Concord Road from Teal Road to Brady Lane; Brady Lane to CR 350S; and CR 350S to CR 450S. He stated the county has two projects scheduled: McCarty Lane and Cumberland Extension. He stated that once the Purdue Transportation Plan is adopted all the projects listed would be available for federal funds.

Doug Poad passed out a handout summarizing federal funding requests for local projects through the years 2004-2009. He stated that projects available for federal funds were listed by phase and year. He highlighted the handout by year and project. He stated by the next transportation act, Tippecanoe County might receive \$16 million dollars. He asked if the Committee could look at the year 2005 and prioritize these projects.

The Committee agreed to prioritize the following projects in the following order for 2005: McCarty Lane (construction), S. Intramural(construction), Tapawingo(construction), Concord Road-Teal Road to Brady Lane(preliminary engineering), Cumberland(preliminary engineering).

The Committee agreed to prioritize the following projects for 2006: Concord-Teal to Brady Lane to CR 350S(Right of Way), Concord Road-CR 350S to CR 450S(preliminary engineering), Cumberland(Right of Way).

The Committee agreed to prioritize the following project for 2007: Cumberland (Construction).

Sallie Fahey commented that all projects have sidewalks and either tracks or wider lanes for bikes.

Opal Kuhl moved to prioritize the projects as listed above. Mark Albers seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Doug Poad pointed out the INDOT projects handout that was mailed with the agenda. He stated the projects included were for added travel lanes, bridge rehabilitation and replacement, grade separation/new bridge, interchange modification, intersection improvement, new road construction, small structure replacement, road replacement, sight distance correction and safety improvements, road reconstruction, pavement replacement, signals, enhancement, and trail construction. He stated that the projects were prioritized by category and date. He pointed out on the handout, which state roads needed which improvements. He stated that he did leave the US 52 Bridge over CSX railroad and N 9th Street/CSX tracks project off of the list. He asked that these be added to the list presented. He stated the two phases for these projects include preliminary engineering and construction. He stated the cost for engineering would be \$120,000 and the cost for construction is \$1,260,000. He said the date for engineering is 2005 and for construction would be 2007. He stated the funds requested were both STP.

Betty Stansbury asked about the project of the location of US 231 on Purdue land where there are proposed athletics fields. She asked if the Committee could decline on this project until the design issues are figured out.

Doug Poad stated that INDOT has already selected this corridor for US 231 and they can only change it 300 feet otherwise it would have to go back to stage one and an uphill battle to get it changed. He explained the route that has been chosen.

Sallie Fahey said by not prioritizing that project INDOT could not do anything at all. She suggested prioritizing this and if the design needs to be revisited it can be.

Opal Kuhl asked if this was left out of the priority list would it only cause delay, not help find a solution.

Sallie Fahey confirmed this statement. She reminded the Committee that the citizens in this township wanted this route, although she is not necessarily advocating the choice. She stated that INDOT heard both sides of the issue

and picked this route.

The Committee agreed to prioritize the following projects for 2008: Concord-Teal to Brady Lane(construction) in the amount of \$2,589,458.

The Committee agreed to prioritize the following projects for 2009: Concord-Brady Lane to CR 350S(Preliminary Engineering), Concord0CR 350S to Cr 450S(right-of-way).

The Committee summarized that this would leave a 2009 balance of \$1,849,298 to be programmed in the future.

Doug Poad stated that INDOT studied this area and listened to various groups and decided that this proposed route would be the best one.

Opal Kuhl stated that it would be beneficial for the Committee to prioritize the project so there is no added delay.

Mark Albers agreed.

Jim Knapp brought up several issues that Purdue University has with this proposed route.

Sallie Fahey stated that she would get Jim Knapp the contact information of whom he should speak with at INDOT. She stated she is not in favor of anything that is going to slow this project down.

Jim Knapp stated that was not his intention either.

Opal Kuhl moved to prioritize the INDOT projects as presented in the handout. Dave Whitworth seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Doug Poad stated that next month he would create and hand out a draft of the priorities.

INDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

Doug Poad handed out a table and a map that outlined the long-range plan for INDOT. He pointed out the seven projects that are the adopted 2025 Transportation Plan and not in INDOT's plan listed on the handout. He stated that this information is also on INDOT's web page. He pointed out that SR 43 and SR 26 are now listed as road reconstruction. He stated that a connection from SR 43 to Swisher Road creates a new state road for Prophetstown State Park. He mentioned widening I-65 from SR 43. He stated a new road would extend US 231 to SR 43. He said there is a plan for SR 25 and Teal

Road. He said there is a widening of SR 25 from the new US 231 to CR 375W. He reiterated that these are in our plan but not INDOT's plan. He asked that these projects be included into INDOT's plan also.

Sallie Fahey asked if this was added travel lanes or road reconstruction.

Doug Poad pointed out on the handout the answer.

Sallie Fahey stated that project 107 should be added to INDOT's list.

Doug Poad agreed.

Mark Albers asked if US 231 was going to be extended past I65 to SR 43.

Doug Poad said this issue was looked at in the Transportation Plan and the model they used said this would work really well. He said the Coradino study (INDOT'S study) didn't include this section of the county and said even though it may be a good plan it has yet to be studied by INDOT. He said this would be a good opportunity to include that and suggest that INDOT look at that proposed transportation route.

Opal Kuhl asked if he needed the items now.

Doug Poad said no as long as he could get the items in the next week that would suffice. He stated he would type up all the suggested items for distribution to the Committee. He stated that getting the information from everyone by the last day of April would give him time to get it to INDOT by the end of the first week in May.

Study Progress

Doug Poad stated that new projects for HES funds are Valley Street and Salisbury Street.

Doug Poad stated the land use inventory is continuing and said over 90% of the rural areas have been finished.

Doug Poad stated that they will be meeting with the Federal Highway Administration to look at ITS to help program future projects.

Doug Poad stated that they have been working with the TIP, INDOT's long-range plan, and also NEPA requirements.

Doug Poad stated Brian Weber has been looking at traffic counts. He thanked members of the Committee who have already collected traffic counts for Area Plan.

Doug Poad said the previous Friday was the meeting for the US 231 project updates.

Sallie Fahey stated the UPWP was sent out on time.

Jon Fricker stated that May 19, 2004 would be the next meeting.

Mark Albers moved to adjourn. Opal Kuhl seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Sallie Dell Fahey

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Secretary